

#3 JF
01-27-99

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GERARD *et al.*



Art Unit: 1635

Appl. No. 09/064,057

Examiner: To be assigned

Filed: April 22, 1998

Atty. Docket: 0942.4330002/RWE/BJD

For: **Compositions and Methods
for Reverse Transcription
of Nucleic Acid Molecules**

Information Disclosure Statement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Brian J. Del Buono
Agent for Applicants
Registration No. 42,473

Date: November 18, 1998

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1100 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 600
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005-3934

(202) 371-2600

FACSIMILE: (202) 371-2540; (202) 371-6566

ROBERT GREENE STERNE
EDWARD J. KESSLER
JORGE A. GOLDSTEIN
SAMUEL L. FOX
DAVID K.S. CORNWELL
ROBERT W. ESMOND
TRACY-GENE G. DURKIN
MICHELE A. CIMBALA
MICHAEL B. RAY

ROBERT E. SOKOHL
ERIC K. STEFFE
MICHAEL Q. LEE
JOHN M. COVERT
LINDA E. ALCORN
RAZ E. FLESHNER
ROBERT C. MILLONIG
STEVEN R. LUDWIG
MICHAEL V. MESSINGER

JUDITH U. KIM
TIMOTHY J. SHEA, JR.
DONALD R. MCPHAIL
PATRICK E. GARRETT
BARBARA A. PARVIS
STEPHEN G. WHITESIDE
NOEL B. WHITLEY
JEFFREY T. HELVEY
KIMBERLIN L. MORLEY

RALPH P. ALBRECHT
HEIDI L. KRAUS
JEFFREY R. KURIN
CARL B. MASSEY, JR.
RAYMOND MILLIEN
PATRICK D. O'BRIEN
BRIAN S. ROSENBLUM
LAWRENCE B. BUGAISKY
CRYSTAL D. SAYLES
EDWARD W. YEE

DONALD J. FEATHERSTONE
KAREN R. MARKOWICZ
GRANT E. REED
VICTOR E. JOHNSON
SERGE SIRA
SUZANNE E. ZISKA
BRIAN J. DEL BUONO
CAMERON H. TOUSI
VINCENT L. CAPUANO
DONALD R. BANOWIT
DAVID P. MAIVALD

*BAR OTHER THAN D.C.
**REGISTERED PATENT AGENTS



November 18, 1998

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 789-5525

INTERNET ADDRESS:
BRIAND@SKGF.COM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED
NOV 19 1998
GROUP 180

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/064,057; Filed: April 22, 1998
For: **Compositions and Methods for Reverse Transcription of Nucleic Acid Molecules**
Inventors: GERARD *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4330002/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*)
2. Form PTO-1449 (17 pages), citing 71 documents;
3. One copy of each cited document (Doc. Nos. AA1-AD2, AL1-AP1, and AR1-AT17); and
4. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

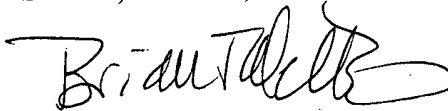
STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
November 18, 1998
Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Brian J. Del Buono
Agent for Applicants
Registration No. 42,473

BJD:aaw
Enclosures

P:\USERS\BRIAND\0942\4330002\111898.tn
SKGF Rev. 9/23/98 dcw